

Docket No.: 050023-0162



PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
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Kouichi TAKAMINE : Confirmation Number: 9422  
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Application No.: 10/043,246 : Group Art Unit: 2153  
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Filed: January 14, 2002 : Examiner: Aaron N. Strange  
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For: OUTPUT TIME MANAGEMENT APPARATUS AND OUTPUT TIME MANAGEMENT METHOD

**SECOND STATUS INQUIRY**


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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Further to the Status Inquiry filed July 14, 2005, it is again noted that the above-identified application was filed on January 14, 2002. Since more than four years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed in the above-assigned group art unit on or before July 26, 2002 should have received an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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